



The Steeple

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Prayer Seeds

Greetings, people of infinite worth!

What if we had the power to turn this world on its head? What if we could do something about the struggles we face in the nation, in our churches, and in our families? How can we look at our future and know that we can make a difference for the Kingdom of God? I am here to tell you we do have the power; we can answer the concerns, and we can look forward to the future knowing we are making a difference for God's Kingdom! While the power to make all this happen is not in us, it is within our grasp! Naturally, I am talking about our prayer life. Our prayer life is the most important key to the future of this church. No great movement of the Holy Spirit can happen without the people of God joining together, and making a commitment to prayer.

The Book of James tells us, *"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results"* (James 5:16b NLT). No one is exempt from this statement; it includes all people who follow Christ wholeheartedly. The key is prayer and each of us has that key; the prayers we pray from our heart are powerful beyond what we know. They will produce wonderful results. We know that God is a promise keeper and He will always do what He says.

So why does our prayer life lack luster; why does it seem like our words rise no further than the ceiling? First, let me assure you, God hears our prayers, even if we don't sense his presence; he hears us. What do you think is lacking in your prayer life? For some of us it might be persistence, or consistency or perhaps we fail to set aside quiet time. If you are too busy to pray, then you are busier than God intends you to be.

One way for us to pray powerfully is to pray together. Please join me in November and December as we pray "Prayer Seeds" together. Each day of the month, you will find a prayer intention to begin your time with the Lord. Some of the intentions are for: the nation, the community, the church, and for our individual spiritual growth. They are in no particular order and some intentions are repeated. I invite you to pray daily with me. Let's pray "Prayer Seeds" daily and see what God will grow! (SEE THE INSERT)

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Blessings!
Pastor Debra

REFLECTIONS...



VETERANS' DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
10:30 A.M. AWAKENING SERVICE
We will honor our local heroes:
Veterans - Firefighters
Law Enforcement - First Responders
Please join us so we may thank you!



OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- **Rev. Roger Russell**, our acting District Superintendent (while Rose is recuperating), led our Charge "Church" Conference on Thursday, October 11th. We appreciated getting to serve several other churches and listening to the stories of how lives are being transformed through our combined ministries. Those attending celebrated the accomplishments of this year as well as adopting goals for 2019. We are excited by the ways in which Christ is using our church to share His love with the people in our neighborhood. Copies of our Charge Conference materials may be obtained by a request to the Church Office.
- On Saturday, October 27th we were humbled and glad to be able to offer St. Paul UMC as the place to come to **Celebrate the glorious life of Spencer Bacus**. There was a huge crowd of family, friends, classmates, church family, and folks who have never met Spencer but have become familiar with his life through #ShineLikeSpencer. We pray that the impact of his life lives on for a very long time!
- Congratulations to **Kim Petzing & Terry Lehmann** on their October 6th wedding! May God richly bless you both as you begin this part of your life journey together.
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Dora Jean Warren**, aunt of Lee Johnson; the family of **Sue Hubbard**, mother/mother-in-law of Glenn & Paula Hubbard; the family of **Edward Jenkins**, younger brother/brother-in-law of Evelyn & Don Bunt Sr.; and the family of **Billie Bunchholtz**, friend of Virginia Croxford. May you each know God's comfort and peace now and in the days ahead.

THANK YOU: to all who helped make **Trunk Or Treat** a great success! The donors, workers, RH Fire Department, families and children, and all who brought their "trunks" to offer treats from... **all** who contributed in any way! We guesstimate about **475 children** came through. Adding in the adults the total visitors were easily **800 people!** What fun!

THANK YOU: Thank you for taking the time to prepare and help serve a delicious meal for the family and friends of R. B. Williams. With appreciation for the special blessing you've been! *The Williams Family*

THANK YOU: Thank you for your willingness to be a host church during this year's charge conference season. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated! Many blessings to you as you continue to follow God's calling for your ministry. *Bonnie Abel & D.S. Roger Russell*

THANK YOU: On behalf of the children who receive these items, the Outreach Ministry Team and Riverbend Head Start & Family Services thank you for all you gave to the **COAT & SHOE COLLECTION!**

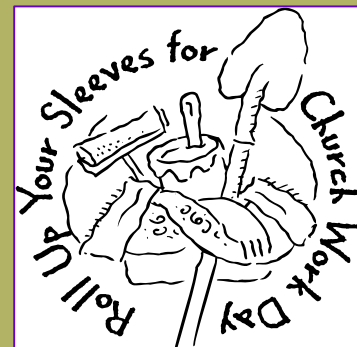
THANK YOU: *The Bacus Family* would like to offer sincere thanks for the wonderful ladies who shopped, cooked, served, and cleaned-up after Spencer's Celebration of Life event. People said it was the best chili they ever tasted! Our entire church family has been a blessing to us during our grief journey. God bless you all! You are a treasure to us!

FALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, November 10th 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Jobs inside and outside matching all skill levels. Come and join the work and help keep all we have been blessed with in great shape! **Even if you only have one hour to give, it sure would help!**

Sponsored by the Board of Trustees





SEASONS OF LIFE In Concert

Sunday, November 18th @3 p.m.
at Main St. United Methodist Church,
1400 Main St. Alton

"In Remembrance" ... to honor those who have passed on.
Proceeds go to the Oasis Women's Center in Alton

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
7:00 P.M.**

**First Baptist Church – Wood River
300 E. Lorena Ave., Wood River**

Pastor Tom Plogue, host pastor

Special Speaker
Special Music
Special Offering

Sponsored by the Wood River
Township Ministerial
Alliance



Church outreach for Christmas

The last eight years our church has supplied unwrapped gifts for the Roxana Jr. & Sr. High School student councils' annual party for at-risk children. Approximately 150 children are identified by school nurses and teachers from all the area schools. These are children from very low income families. They are invited to a Christmas party at the Roxana School. **The date for the party this year is Saturday, December 8th.** The children get a picture with Santa, a meal, and gifts. Our gifts supplement those purchased through funds raised at the school. Details follow:



What to bring:

Unwrapped toys & clothes for children aged infant to 13 years, wrapping paper, and tape

Due Date:

Collected now through Sun., Dec. 2nd

Where:

Place in big Christmas box in the hallway

The gifts will be wrapped
by students.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

– PSALM 103:2 KJV



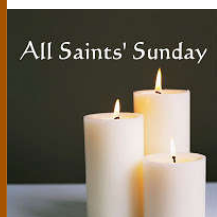
Sundays at St. Paul in NOVEMBER 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. Services

Our 8:15 a.m. service is a traditional service with hymns played upon our beautiful pipe organ as often as possible. The Pastor leads worship clothed in a robe and stole. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.



Our 10:30 a.m. service—*Awakening*—is a contemporary service. The preaching focuses upon life lessons from the Bible. Music is played by a worship band. Words to the songs are projected on the screen or are available on the entryway table. Communion is celebrated at the end of every service. The intent of both worship services is to connect, to reconnect, and to draw people into a closer connection with Jesus Christ.

A Nursery and "More Jesus Time" for Pre-school - 5th grade is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.



All Saints' Sunday

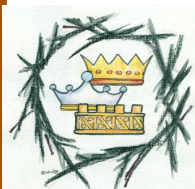
4: Communion. All Saints Sunday. Daylight Saving Time Ends. Sermon Series—More To The Story: God Breathed Scripture is 2 Timothy 3:16-17. God's Word inspires us to become more Christlike



11: Veterans' Day. Birthday Sunday. Sermon Series—More To The Story: Rest For The Soul Scripture is Matthew 11:28-29. God calls us to share our burdens with him.



18: Stewardship Sunday. Bounty Sunday. Blessed to be a Blessing – Scripture is 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. God gives to us abundantly according to his promise.



25: Bible Sunday. Christ the King Sunday. UM Student Sunday. King or Criminal? – Scripture is John 18:33-37. Jesus desires to sit on the throne of our heart.



→ FRONT SIGN MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: We need a volunteer(s) to change the messages on our front sign. Normally, the message is changed weekly, anytime or day during the week. **Harvey Birmingham** has been doing this for 26 years (with help from Tom Voorhees and Rohland Pruetzel when he was away) and he says it's time for him to step aside. He wants to show someone else the ropes! Contact Harvey (377-7957) or Lois in the Church Office (259-5210) if you will help with this ministry.





The Healing Power of Gratitude

By Dr. Jonah Yakel

We live in a culture that is becoming increasingly out of **balance**.

Each day presents itself with more to do and what seems like less time to accomplish it in. In fact, it's rare today to find someone who isn't struggling to balance time, money, work, and family, all while attempting to maintain their own needs, health, and wellness.

We're bombarded by **stress** from every direction, ranging from physical inactivity to constant anxiety about money, career, and relationships. Adding to the stress are all the **toxic products** we expose our body to through what we eat and drink because we don't have time to prepare a healthy meal. Eventually, our stressful life leads to physical, mental, and emotional imbalances.

An estimated 90 % of all doctor visits are for stress-related ailments. Evidence shows that today's biggest health challenges are cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and obesity – all conditions that are often linked to living in a state of constant stress. This constant stress and lack of balance will almost certainly lead to some form of pain or physical condition for which we need to seek medical advice. In this way, pain can actually be a blessing because it creates awareness that our body is out of balance and needs a change.

Thankfully, stress is not so much a result of what is going on in our life as it is about how we perceive those things. **The beauty here is we have some control over how we perceive the world around us.** Many highly-effective modalities exist to help bring balance back to the body. We can seek to balance the nervous system through chiropractic adjustments, the meridians through acupuncture, or the blood chemistry using nutritional supplements, herbs, and homeopathic remedies. Exercise and mindfulness are also effective ways to return balance to the body, thus restoring health physically, mentally, and emotionally.

But one of the most powerful ways to return balance to the body is through the constant **practice of gratitude**. By beginning to see **everything in our life as a blessing** and learning to become grateful not only for the wonderful things in our life, but also the most challenging, we can begin to dissolve the "charge" associated with a stressful situation. **Changing worry to gratitude dramatically affects the way our body responds to stress.**

Robert Emmons, Ph.D., and professor at the University of California, Davis, has written the first major scientific study on gratitude, its causes, and potential impact on human health. In his work entitled *Thanks! How the New Science of Gratitude Can Make You Happier*, Dr. Emmons concluded that "grateful people **experience** higher levels of positive emotions such as joy, enthusiasm, love, happiness, and optimism, and the practice of gratitude as a discipline **protects** a person from the destructive impulses of envy, resentment, greed, and bitterness."

Further benefits of practicing gratitude include an increased ability to cope with stress, a stronger immune function leading to quicker recovery from illness, and an increased feeling of connectedness, which helps to improve relationships.

Love and gratitude are two of the most powerful of healers. By looking for the blessings in every person and event in our life, we will begin to dissolve feelings of fear and guilt, bringing more ease and well-being to our body and mind.

In his book *The Gratitude Effect*, Dr. John Demartini recommends beginning and ending your day with a "**gratitude**" journal. Even spending just a few moments each day in a state of gratitude can have a transformational effect on our lives. Living this way helps us replace fear, anxiety, and worry with joy, happiness, and peace, resulting in a healthier and more balanced body and mind. **Let's face it**, stress is here to stay, so we must learn how to better adapt and respond to it.

Try spending a few moments a day practicing gratitude and see how your life can be transformed!!

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Day and spend some time thanking God for all that He has blessed you with in your life!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

“Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work!”

- 01-Nov Richard Demond
- 01-Nov Kyle Norris
- 02-Nov Larry Ballard
- 03-Nov Monna Bishop
- 04-Nov Maximus Justice
- 05-Nov Larry Champa
- 05-Nov Raegan Martin
- 05-Nov Amber McCammon
- 06-Nov Karen Hatten
- 06-Nov Brett Huff
- 06-Nov Madelaine Ramirez
- 06-Nov Morgann Ramirez
- 06-Nov Lilly Shaffer
- 07-Nov Corinne Crandall
- 07-Nov Courtney Dorsey
- 08-Nov Donna Badman
- 08-Nov Christopher Ricketts
- 09-Nov Caroline Crandall
- 10-Nov Gloria Basden
- 11-Nov Julie Brown
- 11-Nov Bill Crain Jr.
- 12-Nov Daniel Jensen Jr.
- 12-Nov Charlie Sparling

- 13-Nov Charles McKnelly
- 14-Nov Jim Funke
- 14-Nov Julie Natsch
- 15-Nov Cathy Dorsey
- 15-Nov Joe Hanfelder
- 15-Nov Steve Natsch
- 15-Nov Vivian Westhoff
- 17-Nov Lydia Chester
- 17-Nov Kristi Ward
- 17-Nov Frank Yankovich Jr.
- 18-Nov Ashley Babcock
- 18-Nov Heather McCammon
- 19-Nov Nathan Chester
- 20-Nov Elaine Gowan
- 21-Nov Emma Martin
- 21-Nov Jason Ortegren
- 22-Nov Ryleigh Spurgeon
- 25-Nov Jill Taylor-Sullivan
- 26-Nov Emma Wood
- 27-Nov Paul Mormino
- 27-Nov Greg Mortland

- 28-Nov Dan Davis
- 29-Nov Jacob Crews
- 30-Nov Sam Brown
- 30-Nov Adyson Bunt
- 30-Nov Dot Elliott
- 30-Nov Rachel McPheters



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 01-Nov Mark & Debbie Bacus
- 01-Nov Douglas & Susan Phelps
- 03-Nov Mickey & Cathy Dorsey
- 03-Nov Jim & Anna Mae Stewart
- 05-Nov Daniel Jr. & Lindsey Jensen
- 07-Nov Mike & Bobbie Jean Schlemer
- 11-Nov Josh & Jordan Brown
- 18-Nov Ian & Tamera Martin
- 19-Nov Gregg & Lana Liedtke

- 19-Nov Jeremy & Tiffany Nairn
- 21-Nov Christian & Lauren Cranmer
- 23-Nov Allan & Kyle Napp
- 26-Nov Jim & Anita Dawson
- 29-Nov Mike & Ricci Voorhees



Be Sure To Help Us Keep The Church Directory Up-To-Date!

Please be sure to contact the church office if you have had a change of address, phone number, or email address since the last printing! Thank you!



OCTOBER Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 10/31/2018	\$19475.00
Designated Giving:	through 10/31/2018	\$761.30
	Capital Improvements	70.00
	Loose Change	78.30
	Flowers	105.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	60.00
	Upper Room	9.00
	WOW-Fall Festival	20.00
	Wedding	105.00
	Red Bird Mission	50.00
	UMCOR	100.00
	Funeral Dinners	100.00
	Reimbursement	62.00
	Trustee Reserve Fund	2.00
World Communion Offering		30.00
Capital Campaign		1315.00
Total:		\$21581.30

Call the Church Office (259-5210) if you would like to be a Greeter for either Sunday service!

Average Attendance for OCTOBER 2018

Early Service	46
Late Service	48
Sunday School	31
Visitors	4



Capital Campaign money received as of 10-31-18: \$317,646.92

**DEADLINE FOR
DECEMBER 2018
STEEPLE, Mon.,
November 19th!**

MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT



November's Loose Change Project is the Mid-West Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL. This is a United Methodist

warehouse/depot out of which materials and supplies are distributed throughout the United States and the world at times of natural and man-made disasters. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

NAZARENE COMMUNITY THEATER

400 N. Central Ave. Roxana, IL
FREE FAMILY MOVIES EACH MONTH!
Friday, November 9 @ 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 10 @ 2 & 6 p.m.





There is a “**Thanksgiving Offering**” envelope in with your regular envelopes. As you plan what to give for a “thanksgiving offering,” you may choose to designate it for a missionary, a mission project, or a local church special fund like the Capital Fund Campaign. You may also leave it “undesigned.” The **undesigned monies** will be divided this way: **60% goes to our Helping Hands fund and 40% goes to The Preachers Aid Society & Benefit Fund.** We thank you in advance!



Greetings God's Beloved People!
November 18th will be Stewardship Sunday for 2019.

This year's theme is “Blessed to be a Blessing.” Truly, we are a blessed people; God has been extremely gracious and generous to us. It is normal for us to enjoy and even bask in our blessings; after all, God intends us to enjoy the abundance He showers upon us. But the blessings are not intended to end with us. That is why I have chosen the idea of Amish Friendship Bread for our image.

Some of you are familiar with AFB. It begins as a lump of dough, and after adding good things to it, it grows to the point where it needs to be divided into pieces that are given, shared, and enjoyed, and of course baked into a loaf of bread!

I have asked several of our gifted church cooks to start AFB dough and on the 18th we will have a chance to share in the goodness. We will have some bread to sample, and some starter dough to give away. It's all about God blessing us to be a blessing to others!

You will soon receive your stewardship letter in the mail; please be in prayer about how God wants you to share your blessings! *Blessings! Pastor Debra*



PECANS:

This year's pecans will be here at the start of NOVEMBER, so plan now...The costs will be:

\$11.00 for the 1lb. bag of plain and **\$8.00** for a bag of the chocolate covered.

The pecans being sold are a Fundraiser for the Women of Worship to add to the mission money raised so far this year!



Salvation Army Bell Ringing will be on Friday, December 7th

10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Walmart in Wood River (Grocery Doors)

We ring at the grocery entrance with teams of two people for one hour at a time... **WATCH FOR THE SIGN UP SHEET!**





In a world where you can be anything.. Be Kind!

The definition of kind is as follows, "having or showing a friendly, generous, and considerate nature."

Church, have you ever stopped to talk to one of our "youthies?" They are nothing short of amazing if you take a few moments to listen to what they have to say. They are full of passion and kindness,

and most of all, they have a flame that is just beginning to really burn for Christ.

I watch in amazement the way that our youth interact with others. The way they treat their friends outside of church, the way they interact with one another, and even the way they interact with the adults. Though we are small in number, I believe we are doing great things!

I would like to ask a favor from our congregation in regards to our youth. I am looking for a "prayer partner" for each youth. We currently have 5 girls that regularly attend youth group. In an effort to connect them further into the church, I am asking that one or two people "adopt" each girl and do the following:

- 1) pray for them.
- 2) pray with them.
- 3) find time to fellowship with them.
- 4) send or leave occasional notes of encouragement for them.

If you can or are willing to do so, please contact me at (618) 660-7967, or email to lcranmer4@gmail.com.

Share His Love and Kindness Wherever You Go!

Be Blessed,

Lauren Cranmer - Youth Director



Bounty Sunday, November 18th

is a long-standing tradition within our church. It is a time when we stop and reflect how

God has richly blessed us. We do this during the 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. worship services. The

best response to God's blessings is to give thanks & praise Him. **Bounty Sunday** is filled with music, prayers, and praises. We bring an offering of food and other necessary items for our food pantries: **Community Hope Center and Operation Blessing**. Inserts with information have been placed in the bulletins. Suggested items are listed. If you will not be in worship on the 18th, please do not let that stop you from bringing in a sack of food. You may place it in the food collection area anytime **before Nov. 18th**. We invite you to participate in our Bounty Sunday. For us, it captures the true meaning of Thanksgiving!



Everyone is welcomed to come help the Worship Ministry Team decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 1st from 9 a.m. - Noon!



It will *soon* be time to order your poinsettias.

The cost may be between **\$7 & \$8** per poinsettia. **The order deadline will be Sunday, December 9th.** Poinsettias may be taken home following the services on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. **Watch for the inserts.** Remember to indicate when you order to whom it is "in memory" or "in honor" of and it is **important** to include your payment when you order. Questions? Call **259-5210**.



SCOUT IT OUT



CUB SCOUT PACK #3030

NANETTE MARKOVITCH
618-830-3899 / buffaloc4407@att.net
Meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #777

JIM PEARSON
618-407-9533 / PEARSON1313@YAHOO.COM
Meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

VENTURE CREW #2777

MARK SMITH
618-604-5359 / MARK.SMITH.LUTCF@GMAIL.COM
Meet Last Thursday of Each Month at 7 p.m.

*St. Paul United Methodist Church
10 N. Center St - East Alton, IL 62024*

FALL FESTIVAL Thank You!

The Women of Worship would like to thank **EVERYONE** who helped make this year's **Annual Fall Festival** a success from beginning to end...

the crew that set-up tables in the fellowship hall; everyone who donated anything; the women who set up crafts and decorated the dining room tables and other spaces; the faithful workers who cooked and managed the kitchen, servers, dishwashers, and dish driers; dining room workers including 5 Boy Scouts and Madelynn Cranmer from KIND, cashiers, those who priced the donations and managed the crafts & country store; in addition, those working to take orders at the carry-out table and the fast, efficient workers delivering them.

We also appreciate all those who came and enjoyed a meal or two and made purchases at the booths. Hopefully you enjoyed the fun and fellowship with friends and neighbors.

The approximate profit to date is **\$4,480**. This will be added to money from other events we have had this year and will be distributed to our various mission and charity groups at the **Christmas Party on Thursday, December 6th** – watch for the details in the bulletin. **All women** of the church are invited to join us in distributing these funds.

**AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU AND
GOD BLESS YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE
THIS A WONDERFUL EVENT!**

~Women of Worship~



ENJOY!!





Christmas Dinner & Program

It is a St. Paul tradition for the church to gather for a Christmas Dinner. During November you will have an opportunity to make reservations for this year's **Christmas Dinner** (prepared by Chef Bob) **on Saturday, December 8th at 6 p.m.** There is no set charge for the dinner. Instead, **we all make a donation for the meal.** **Reservation forms** will be in the Sunday bulletins 4 times in the month of November/December. Please fill **one** out for your family. If you cannot be here to do this, **please call the church office (259-5210)** during the week or email **info@stpaulwired.org** to leave your information with the church secretary.



Dinner will be followed by "**Sixth Grade Scrooge**," (a musical featuring our children & youth). *Scrooge, actually just call him David, breaks his foot at the most inopportune time, right before Christmas. Does that mean the planned parties, vacation, etc., etc., are now going to all be ruined because David is*

hobbling around on a broken foot? It sounds like there are many lessons to be learned here. At the final rehearsal of his school's Christmas play, David is knocked out by a piece of scenery that is being carried by his teacher, Mrs. Hearting. In David's unconscious state, he is visited by . . . Well, you need to come and see the play!

Great music, audience participation, & surprises will be in store for those who join us on **Dec. 8!** So plan now to attend it all! It is a wonderful evening filled with the joy of Christmas fellowship around the table as well as enjoying our children & youth sharing the news of the baby Jesus!

CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS DINNER FUNDRAISER

For my eagle scout project I will be sending packages to our deployed military troops. This fundraiser is to help with the shipping costs.

**Sunday, December 2nd
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**St. Paul United
Methodist Church**

**10 N. Center Street
Rosewood Heights, IL
(Corner of Airline & Center)**

Pricing:

\$8 per ticket (see troop 777)

\$10 at the door

\$5 for current or retired military personnel



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION -
If bad weather requires the
cancellation of worship
services, we will:**

- ✦ **ACTIVATE OUR NEW PHONE TREE CALLING SYSTEM!**
- ✦ **leave a message on the office answering machine**
- ✦ **contact TV Channel 5**
- ✦ **post a notice on our website www.stpaulwired.org (if possible)**
- ✦ **contact those on the e-mail & phone prayer chain (if possible)**



UPCOMING IGRC EVENTS & MEETINGS



Bishop to host meetings on 2019 General Conference

“Bishop Frank J. Beard has announced he will host meetings throughout the Illinois Great Rivers Conference discussing the three plans which have been offered as plans for A Way Forward with regard to the issues of human sexuality and unity.”

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, November 11th, from 4–6 p.m., the Bishop is hosting an “A Way Forward” conference in Edwardsville at St. John UMC. This issue has been on the forefront of many people’s minds and hearts for years. I will be the first to tell you, I don’t know as much about it as I should. To that end, I am planning to attend this conference and I invite you to do so as well. What a great opportunity this is for us to learn more about the three plans. On whichever side of this issue you stand, it is important to be informed. I anticipate this will be a well-balanced, well-thought out presentation and I look forward to being in the know. I hope to see you there.

The conference is free, but the Bishop asks that we register so that the host church knows how many to prepare for. Below is the link to register. <https://igrc-reg.brtaapp.com/gc2019briefings> **Pastor Debra**

Disaster Response training events

Two IGRC-sponsored Disaster Response Trainings are quickly approaching. There is still time to sign up. Please go to <https://www.igrc.org/disasterresponse> and sign up for one of the following ERT (Early Response Team) trainings:

Nov. 9 ERT Recertification – Olney First UMC

Nov. 10 ERT – Full Training – Olney First UMC

Nov. 10 ERT – Full Training, Fairview Heights Christ UMC

Opening to God Retreat

The second Opening to God retreat will be at **Little Grassy Camp Feb. 15-16.**

Online registration opens Nov. 1 and continues through Feb. 1.

The purpose of this retreat is to provide immersion experiences to help lay and clergy explore spiritual disciplines they may have never tried before or that they would like to know more about in a safe to explore environment. Each small group session includes both lecture and practice time to actually try the practice featured in the session. **More information is posted on the bulletin board! Ask Pastor Debra about this!**

Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation

The **2019 Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation** will be **April 28-May 3** at King’s House Retreat & Renewal Center in Belleville.

The theme for the 2019 Academy is *“Peace”-ing Together a Broken World*. Faculty speakers are Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and Dr. Amy Oden.

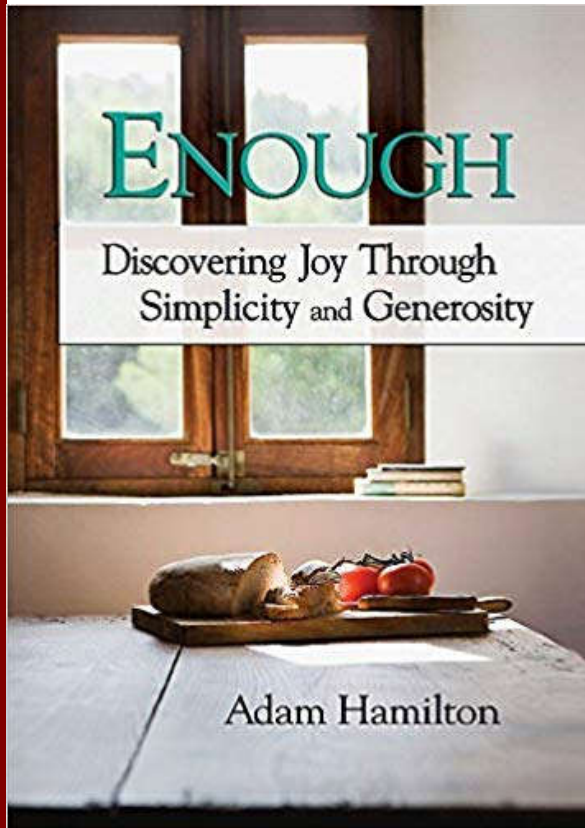
For more information, visit www.igrc.org/fiveday.

Registration begins Nov. 1 at: www.igrc.org/fiveday2019.

The Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation is a program of Upper Room® Ministries, for clergy and laity which provides a daily rhythm of prayer, worship, Eucharist, learning, and reflection, in the context of Christian community.



ENOUGH



Our new Small Group Study, ***Enough***, by Adam Hamilton, **will begin on November 25th at 5 p.m.** and will go **for 4 Sundays**. Money has great power in our lives and when used wisely, helps us meet our goals, provides for our needs, and fulfills our life purpose. Sadly, so many are spending tomorrow's money today. As a result many experience stress and anxiety. Find the keys to experience contentment and joy through simplicity and generosity. Please join us! The books and a sign-up sheet will be on the table outside the office as it gets closer – **watch for it!**

NURSERY ATTENDANT **JOB OPENING:**

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is looking to fill **ONE Nursery Attendant position** as soon as possible. If you are interested and would like to know more or if you want to pick up an application and job description, please contact the Church Office by phone (259-5210) or by email (info@stpaulwired.org).

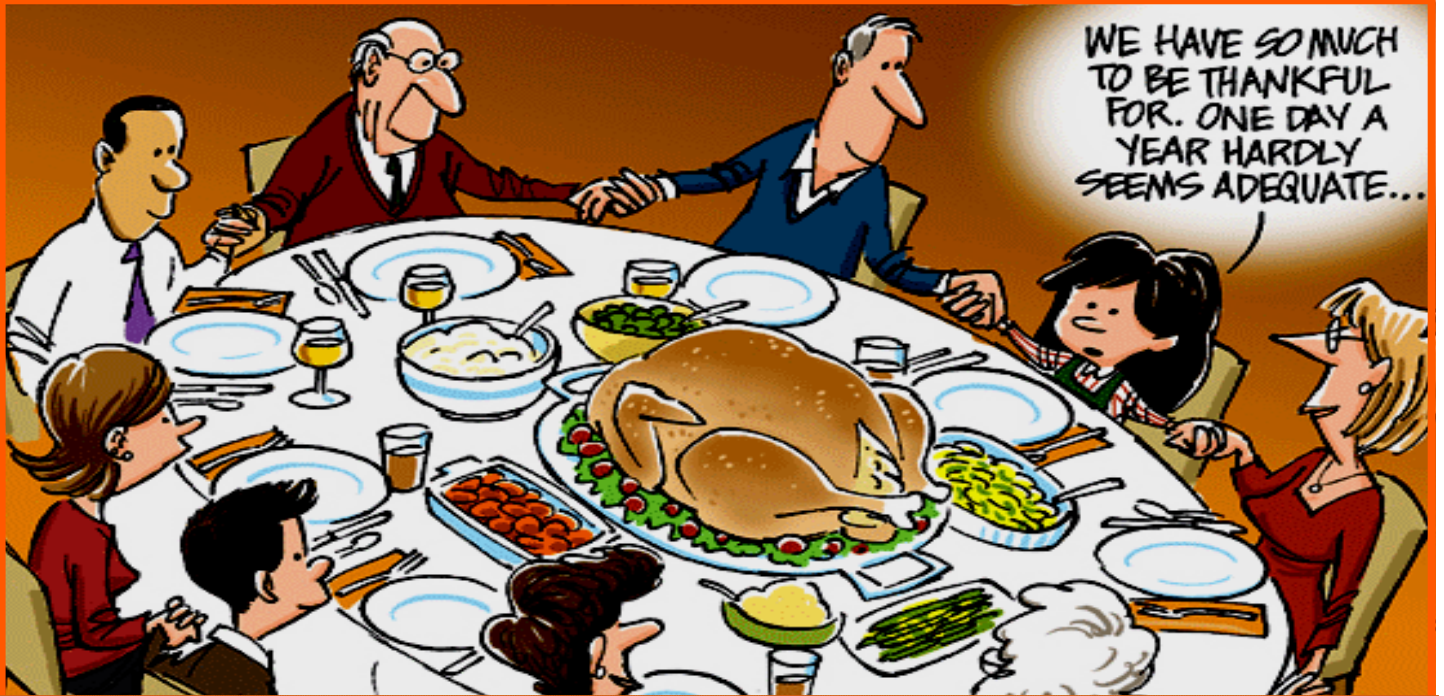
This is a paid position.
Thank you!
**Staff-Parish Relations
Committee**



Alton Area Christian Ladies



Their Bible Study is on **GENESIS** and it continues on **Tuesdays at 10 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The study will go for a total of 12 weeks!
All ladies of the church...please join us!!



Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!



ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
PRESERVING THE PHYSICAL INTEGRITY OF ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AS A FOUNDATION OF FAITH AND MISSIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Mission Possible

“THROUGH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE” MATTHEW 19:26

UNDERSTANDING & GIVING TO MISSION POSSIBLE

Mission Possible is a campaign to provide funding above and beyond our normal operational costs to address much needed maintenance and renovation work at St. Paul. The **October 2015 Mission Possible Commitment Weekend** was the kickoff to our fund raising campaign. One can still participate. This is how to give your gift(s):

- If you are interested in a one-time gift, send the donation to the church or place it in the Sunday offering, **but please be sure to note Mission Possible (or CFC for Capital Fund Campaign) on your check memo line and offering envelope.**
- You can also give online through our website.
- You can give using your credit card when you provide that information to the church office..
- You can give by cash or check.
- You can also provide financial contributions via securities, real estate, personal properties, or an estate gift by contacting the church office or Jim Herndon.

Beginning **January 2016**, you were able to place the designated amount for “Mission Possible” gifts on the **Capital Campaign** line on your offering envelopes. Donations toward the expenses of our Church Operations (i.e. the General Budget) would go on the Undesignated line as always. What was Capital Improvements, funds meant for unexpected major expenses, is now labeled Building & Grounds Improvements on the 2016 –2018 envelopes. **If you have any questions, please call the Church Office.**



PRAYER SEEDS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results” (James 5:16b NLT).

Let these intentions lead your prayer life; let's see what God grows!



- 1** Spirit of wisdom for church leaders
- 2** Make disciples of all nations
- 3** Which friends you should invite to church
- 4** Vision and focus for St. Paul in 2019
- 5** That young people will know how much God loves them
- 6** Safety in our schools
- 7** All who suffer with cancer
- 8** Encouragement for teachers
- 9** Courage to face challenges
- 10** Peace in our hearts
- 11** Safety for our military
- 12** Healing for injured Vets
- 13** Comfort for families of fallen heroes
- 14** Gratitude for military service men and women
- 15** Unity among church members
- 16** Make worship a priority
- 17** Healing for all who suffer with heart trouble
- 18** Spirit of generosity
- 19** That children will know God loves them
- 20** Recovery for addicts
- 21** Healing for all with chronic illnesses
- 22** Praise God for all his gifts
- 23** Ways we can serve our community better
- 24** Discipline to pray continually
- 25** Praise Jesus for his power and glory
- 26** Homeless and home insecure of the community
- 27** Forgiveness for your enemies
- 28** That St. Paul attracts people who want to love Jesus more
- 29** Joyful heart
- 30** Peace in our words



PRAYER SEEDS FOR DECEMBER 2018

“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results” (James 5:16b NLT).



- 1** Courage to face challenges
- 2** Wisdom for national leaders
- 3** Prepare our hearts to receive the Christ child
- 4** That we will encourage each other
- 5** Open-ness to new ideas
- 6** To hear God's still small voice
- 7** Spirit of wisdom for national leaders
- 8** Grow your desire to read the Bible
- 9** That St. Paul attracts people who want to love Jesus more
- 10** Ability to handle conflict with love
- 11** Homeless and home insecure of the community
- 12** Express grace at every opportunity
- 13** Unity in our church
- 14** Grow your desire to read the Bible
- 15** Vision and focus for St. Paul in 2019
- 16** That young people will know how much God loves them
- 17** Deepen your love for Christ
- 18** Peace in our words
- 19** Discipline to pray continually
- 20** Express grace at every opportunity
- 21** Offer mercy to everyone
- 22** Grow your desire to read the Bible
- 23** Make worship a priority
- 24** Spirit of generosity
- 25** We will have room in our hearts for Jesus
- 26** A spirit of gratitude
- 27** To hear God's still small voice
- 28** Homeless and home insecure of the community
- 29** Spirit of wisdom for national leaders
- 30** Ability to handle conflict with love
- 31** Vision and focus for St. Paul in 2019

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